

## **Special Testing Enabling Learning Objectives**

- 1. Select from a list which drugs can be special requested by the commander.**
- 2. Select from a list which laboratory receives all steroid specimens**
- 3. Select from a list who to contact for a special test request for a drug not normally tested for.**



# Special Tests

- ▮ **There are three basic types of special test requests:**
  - ▮ **Ensure you test this/these specimens for one of the rotational drugs (PCP, LSD, Opiates, and OxyContin when it becomes available in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter FY06).**
  - ▮ **Test this specimen for anabolic steroids**
  - ▮ **Test this specimen for some other drug (Valium, Ketamine, barbiturates mushrooms, (psilocybin) etc.)**



# Special Tests

- ▮ If a commander wants to ensure that his Soldiers are tested for LSD, because there has been an increase in LSD positives on post and warnings about new microdots in the civilian community then the commander:
  - ▮ Submits a copy of a memorandum requesting that the specimens be tested for LSD with each batch of specimens submitted.
- ▮ The specimens will be tested for at least THC, cocaine, amphetamine, LSD and currently heroin.





# Special Tests - Steroids

- ▮ **Steroid Testing**
  - ▮ Steroid testing will only be performed when a commander has **PROBABLE CAUSE**.
  - ▮ A memorandum from the commander requesting a steroid test is required. The memorandum cannot state the Soldiers name only his/her SSN.
    - ▮ Attach the memo to the DD Form 2624
    - ▮ Maintain File Copy



# Special Tests - Steroids

- ▮ **The specimen bottle must be completely full (90 mL)**
- ▮ **Only one bottle per DD Form 2624 is allowed.**
- ▮ **The specimen will only be tested for steroids; no other drugs.**
- ▮ **All specimens requests for steroids must be sent to the Fort Meade laboratory. The Ft. Meade lab will then send a portion to the UCLA laboratory for steroid testing. It will take 6 -8 weeks to get a result.**



# Special Tests - Other

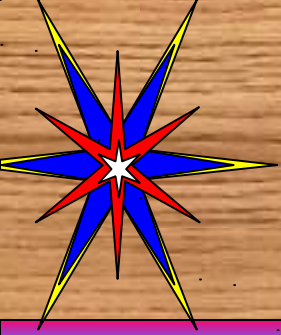
- ▮ Valium, Rohypnol, Mushrooms (Psilocybin) and other requested drugs are not tested at the regular laboratory, they are tested at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP).
- ▮ If your commander has PROBABLE CAUSE that someone is abusing mushrooms or another drug not normally tested for, then contact the ADCO or IBTC at your local ASAP before collecting a specimen.





# Special Tests - Other

- ▢ **A memorandum from the commander stating why he/she needs this test will accompany the specimen.**
  - ▢ **Maintain file copy of memo.**
  - ▢ **May require a different chain of custody form (not DD Form 2624); AFIP uses a different chain of custody.**
  - ▢ **May require special collection, handling, and/or shipping procedures**



# Summary

- Any special test requests for anything other than the drugs normally tested by the FTDTL:
- Require PROBABLE CAUSE. The commander should verify if JAG that he/she has probable cause.
- The UPL or commander should consult with the local ASAP PRIOR to collecting the specimen(s).